

Amendments to the Specification:

[0035] First, the home server 230 reads a system software version of the home appliance to be upgraded among the home appliances 240 (~~step~~-S300). Simultaneously, the home server 230 reads the latest system software version corresponding to the home appliance 240 from the appliance company server 200 (~~step~~-S310). It is preferable that the reading operation of the home server 230 is performed at predetermined intervals.

[0036] Then, the home server 230 compares the readout system software versions (~~step~~ S320). If the system software version of the corresponding home appliance 240 in the appliance company server 200 is newer than the system software version of the home appliance 240 in the home network 220 as a result of comparison, the home server 230 downloads the system software of the corresponding home appliance from the appliance company server (~~step~~-S330).

[0037] The home server 230 then replaces the system software of the home appliance 240 at home with the downloaded system software through the home network 220 (S340). Through the above-described process, the upgrade of the system software of the home appliance 240 is completed.